

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected. In light of the remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0138144 ("Lynggaard") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0044068 ("Kagehiro"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify a reference or combine references to arrive at the claimed subject matter. The prior art references must also teach or suggest all the limitations of the claim in question. See, M.P.E.P. § 706.02(j). A reference can only be used for what it clearly discloses or suggests. See, In re Hummer, 113 U.S.P.Q. 66 (C.C.P.A. 1957); In re Stencel, 4 U.S.P.Q.2d 1071, 1073 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Here, the references, whether taken individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicant.

Among the limitations of the Applicant's independent claims not present in the cited references is "a character string storage means for storing the information about character string features and character recognizing means ... [which] corrects the incorrectly recognized character string, based on said information about character string features read from said character string storage means."

As disclosed in the present specification, a character string is captured by a video capturing section. The captured character string is digitized and the digitized character string is input to a character recognizing section. When the character

recognizing section has judged that the object character is unrecognizable, the character code corresponding to a part of the character string recognized incorrectly as a whole is transferred to the data referencing section. The data referencing section reads information about the feature character string stored in memory 7 and judges whether or not the incorrect character code corresponds to any one of the feature character strings, referencing the read feature character strings. The system judges whether or not the character code matches up with a form of any of the feature character strings such as a URL, E-mail or the like. The system analyzes the entire character string not merely a portion of the character string as compared to the character string features.

In contrast, in Lynggaard, erroneous character strings are corrected based on comparison with other strings already stored in memory. However, Lynggaard does not disclose correcting a character string based on the information about feature character strings. In other words, while Lynggaard discloses that error correction can be performed on E-mail addresses, web addresses, and the like, it does not disclose that these character strings would be corrected based on character string features. In Lynggaard, the text to be corrected is broken down into individual segments and each of these individual segments is analyzed using a spell-checker or error correction system. Kagehiro fails to disclose this explicitly recited limitation as well.

In Kagehiro, a built-in image capture device is used to capture a character string. However, no error correction is disclosed. As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below

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